POLITICAL PUMP HANDLES.

State Prohibitionists Rashly Swimming in Nominating Waters.

BEWARE OF BIG-JAWED SHARKS

Pwo Congressional Candidates-Veterans' Enthusiasm for Van Wyck-Norfolk's Reunion-General Nebraska Telegrams.

Cold Water Convention. Lancoun, Neb., August 18.- Special Tele gram to the Bire. |-The probabition state convention met in this city to-day at 3 p. m. at Temple hall in the Masonic building. The hall was decorated with national colors and back of the partform hang a gorgeous picture of Finch flanked by magnificent portraits of Grant and Lincoln. Floral tributes were plentiful, and none were more surprised than the probibitionists themselves at the large attendance from all sections of the state and the enthusiasm manifested in the meeting. At the appointed hour the delegations were seated by counties and the convention was called to order by C. F. S. Templin, chairman of the state committee, and prayer was offered by the Rev. G. M. Morrey, of Seward. On motion of Mr. Reynolds, of Butler county, C. E. Bentley was elected temporary chairman, and H. C. Bittenbender, of Lancaster county was elected secretary. The roll call found 380 delegates

n attendance from forty-five counties. following committees were appointed: On permanent organization—Judge Westendyke, of Seward; S. D. Fitch, Cass; J. E. Hopper, Clay; E. W. Hill, Gage; H. H. Child, Otoe.

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On resolutions—G. E. Bigelow, of Lancaster; J. H. Stark, Washington; Dr. L. B. Bogg, Gage; M. J. Brown, Nance; E. J. Randall, Fillmore,
On literature—Dr. H. P. Fitch, of Adams; Artenus Roberts, Lancaster; E. W. Hill, Gage; George P. Reynols, Butler; D. S. Pond, Holt.

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The call of counties for reports was had as far as Jefferson, when it was postponed to make up the state central committee, and C. F. S. Timplin, of Nebraska City, was elected a member for the coming year. An adjournment was then taken to 7:30 p. m.

When the delegates from the different congressional districts met to make their nominations for congress, E. M. Hill, of Gage. presided at the first district cancus, and George E. Bigelow, of Lancaster, was nominated by acclamation for congress. He aecented and expressed hopes of an election. cepted and expressed hopes of an election.

At the second congressional caucus, J. K.
Lane, of Saline, presided, and a good deat of enthusiasm was manifested among the dele-gates. Rev. C. S. Harrison, of Franklin, was tendered the nomination by acclama-tion, which he accepted in a speech, stating the prohibition and anti-monopoly questions were, so he believed, the living ones of the day. His nomination seemed to create a

The third district caucus postponed action until the morning following the main con-Dr. John A. Brooks, of Missouri, candidate for lieutenant governor of that state, in 1884, addressed the convention, which, in

addition to the delegates, was crowded with spectators. Rev. E. J. O'Neill, of Pawnee, opened the evening session with prayer. The temporary organization was made perma-nent and the speech of Dr. Brooks completed the evening session. The speech of the after-noon session was made by Rev. Joseph Parkyn, of Jasper county, who created the great-est enthusiasm. To-morrow the state ticket will be nominated and the platform adopted.

Veterans Enjoying the Reunion. NonFolk, Neb., August 18 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE. |-Tenters in Camp Manerson found the atmosphere cool enough last night to make blankets comfortable. The number of visitors was swelled to-day by the number of visitors was swelled to-day by the arrival of nearly a dozen posts, several being accompanied by bands. The Madison band came in attired as cowboys. The veterans have been adapting themselves to quarters and renewing a quaintances, this being the first reunion that the majority have attended. An open air concert by the Scott family was an attractive feature of the programme this afternoon and was greatly enjoyed by the old soldiers, who could not refrain from pining in the chorn he meeting at stat headquarters was held at 4 o'clock and the various delegations marched to General Bris bin's quarters and were presented to him for He had a pleasant greeting for each fillinois and lowa had the largest delegations and Wisconsin came in with the third in size. When the roll of regimental numbers was called many courades found old friends. The war dance by the Sioux braves was a novelty that was witnessed by an immense crowd and greatly enjoyed by the Indians. The latter are rigged in their brightest feathers and blankets and move about the came exand blankets, and move about the camp ex-tending their hand with a friendly "How." The West Point base ball club having chal-lenged all clubs in the valley, were met by the Ainsworth club this afternoon. Score, West Point 9. Ainsworth 2. The dress parade of the regulars was reviewed by Captain Cusick. The quarters provided by the committee have thus far been ample for all visitors. General Brisbin, in looking over the camp, said to the reporter to-day he should indee these were 10 000 heavily on the ground. judge there were 10,000 people on the grounds. He is making the reunion as pleasant as possible tor visitors. An increased crowd is expected to-morrow and Friday, which will be leading days. The band contest occurs iday. Ten bands are already on the Friday. Ten bands are already on the

The Pencil Pusher Picnic. OGDEN, Utah, August 18 .- [Special Tele gram to the BEE, !- The editorial excursion from Nebraska arrived here this morning and were met by the mayor and city council of Salt Lake City, who took them down on the D. & R. G. to Salt Lake, after which the excursion goes to Colorado, stopping at Man-

SALT LAKE, Utah, August 18.—The Ne braska Editorial association arrived here at noon from San Francisco, numbering sixty ladies and gentlemen. They were mer at Ogden and escorted to Salt Lake City by the Ogden and escorted to Salt Lake City by the mayor and members of the city council, also by W. W. Riter, superintendent of the Utah Central railway and other railway officials. This afternoon they visited Garfield landing and Salt lake beach generally. Their entire trip to the coast has been one continuous ovation and enjoyment. Their visit to this city has been a long looked for pleasure. Their last stop was at Sacramento, where the legislature, in special session, adjourned to honor the Nebraska quill-drivers, after which they were driven about the city escorted by the were driven about the city, escorted by the governor, mayor and councilmen. The day ended with a sumptuous wine supper, tendered by the pioneers of '49. The association leaves Salt Lake City to-morrow for Manitou Springs where a two days' story will Manitou Springs, where a two days' stop will be made. They will stop at Denver and vi-cinity, spending several days in the moun-gains, and then return home.

Greeted by Old Soldiers. BLAIR, Neb., August 18 .- [Special to the BEE. |-Senator Van Wyck came in this morning from Norfolk and was met at the depot by a delegation of G. A. R. men who immediately escorted the general to Young's grove, where the different posts of the order in this county are holding a reunion. This afternoon the general delivered an address to a very large and appreciative audience. As usual the address was masterly and interesting. Washington county may well be called the Van Wyck stronghold.

ULYSSES, Neb., August 18,—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—About five thousand peopie from Butler, Seward. York and Polk counties were present to-day at the old set-tler's pionic. Appropriate speeches and early reminiscences were given. It was the grandest concourse of people ever assembled in this part of Nebraska. Bands from Seward, York and Osceola furnished the music.

Washington County Booming. BLAIR, Neb., August 18 .- [Special Tele gram to the BRE. |-The races at this place last week were unusually fine, the purses be-ing good and attendance large. Crops are good, farmers jubilant, and Washington county generally is booming.

Laird's District. HASTINGS, Nob., August 18 .- | Special Telegram to the BEE j-The republican congressional committee for the Second Ne braska district met in this city this evening, seventeen delegates being present. The con-gressional convention will be held at Hast-ings, September 22.

RATE RESTORATION. Important Meeting of Passenger and

Freight Agents. New York, August 18.—A joint meeting was held to-day at Commissioner Fink's ofice, of the trunk line commissioners and freight and passenger agents of the Central Traffic association. The commissioners met first and after a discussion of the freight and passenger rate-cutting, complained of resently by different lines in the west, they agreed to restore to a more uniform scale treight and passenger agents held separate meetings. The latter had an informal discussion on cut rates and touched on the competition of the Baltimore & Ohio. After the meeting Secretary Pearson said no action had been taken. The freight agents found that the condition of

rates was not as bad as reported.

The Central Traffic association is composed of a pool of six railroads connecting at Buffalo. It includes lines from Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Peoria, Louisville and Cincinnati, to the trunk lines. Heretofore the short rates between these points have been very low. It was cheaper per mile to ship merchandise from been very low. It was cheaper per mile to ship merchandise from St. Louis to Cincinnati than from St. Louis to New York. The agents resolved to re-store rates at all points in the association to not less than the fixed rate per mile. Com-missioner Fink said that the trunk lines would expect at all points in the association to would co-operate with them. It was also proposed to enlarge the scope of the association from St. Louis and Indianapolis over all roads leading east, and intermediate points, A committee of six was appointed to revise the contracts of the association in accordance therewith. To-morrow the Chicago and St. Louis com mittees meet to carry out the resolutions and begin preliminary work. Their efforts will be submitted to the Central Traffic associabe submitted to the Central Trains assenger tion, which meets at 2:30. Several passenger agents of western lines will meet to effect an agreement of western rates, J. R. Blanchard, of the traffic association said: "No action has yet been taken on the Baltimore & Ohio competition and I think none will be. I heard to-day from an official of the Pennsylvania road that a set-tlement would probably be effected in a

short time. Among those present at the commissioner's office were G. H. Daniels, assistant commissioner of the Centrat Traffic association; H. S. Depew, Joint agent at St. Louis; General Passenger Agent Wood, of the Pennsylvania; General B. A. Monett of the West-shore. General H. A. Monett, of the West-shore President N. P. Ledyard, Michigan Central President N. P. Ledyard, Michigan Central; General Manager Spencer, Chicago & Grand Trunk; G. M. Talmage, of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacinc; General Ticket Agent Sage, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; President McCullough, of the Pennsylvania; General Ticket Agent Hill, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis; General Ticket Agent Kingsbury, of the Pennsylvania; President Newell, Lake Shore; Vice President Smith, Chicago, Wabash & Eastern; Vice President Hayden, New York Central; Vice President Felton, Eric; General Manager Reeve, Chicago, & Grand Trunk; President Peabody, Onio & Mississippi; C. K. Lord, general passenger agent of the Baitimore & Olaio, and Freight Manager Hegeman, of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.

UNCLE JOE'S SCHEME. The Little Advertising Dodge of In-

diana McDonald. WASHINGTON, August 18. - [Special to the BEE. !-There is a suspicion here that Indiana's pet, Uncle Joe McDonald, has adopted the actor's idea of advertising, and that he finds it an exceeding remunerative means of explaining to the public his own importance. The old gentleman's face is seen more frequently on the streets of Washington lately than anywhere else. He is in partnership with two other Indiana gentlemen in the practice of law here, but quite naturally the ex-senator frequently goes to Indianapolis. When he goes the announcement is made in all the newspapers that he has gone. When he comes back there is usually a telegram in advance of him hinting very threwdly that he has been summoned to Washington, and that a cabinet position is again to be tendered to him. Now "Uncle Joe" McDonald is practicing law in the city of Washington, and whenever he can induce the public to the property of the control of the control of the public that the control of the contr ington, and whenever he can induce the pub lic to believe that he is on close and intimate terms with the powers that be he makes a nt, and his business increases accordingly 'Uncle Joe' comes here, is always asked what truth is in the rumor, and always replies, "Pooh, pooh! I couldn't afford to accept a cabinet position with a law practice worth \$50,000 a year," but still the rumor is repeated every time he goes away. There are those who have read this statement in the newspapers on several occasions who think that Uncle Joseph is playing a very shrewd ad-vertising dodge, and that he himself takes pains that the Indiananolis agents of the press associations shall be properly informed as to his movements. In any event the ru-mors are exceedingly beneficial to the firm of which the ex-senator from Indiana is the

The underground life in Berlin, which has recently been exposed in an interest-ing volume entitled "Die Verbrecherwelt on Berlin," has some sides which are gloomily picturesque on which the annorities have bitherto in vain sought to lay hand. One of them is described by the anonymous writer as follows: There are at Berlin some score of public bars the frequenters of which belong exclusively to the criminal world. They are kept in the basement of houses, no bright-colored signboard tells of their existence, and at night the light from the windows falls faintly through closely drawn curtains into the street. frequenters are professional thieves, their accomplices (who find occasions where strokes of business may be done) and re-ceivers of stolen goods. The conversaion in these places is always carried on in a low voice, and everybody drinks and gambles. Disputes are rare, for as soon as a quarrel threatens to become noisy the neighbors of the party in question interfere in order to avoid any uproar. Sometimes the door is rapidly opened, a head is thrust in, and the newcomer cries out 'Lampen.' At this word a general rush toward the door commences, the mn-keper hurries the glasses off the table, and when the police arrive the room is empty. Both at Berlin and at Frankfort public houses of this kind have a chain of outposts formed by a number of poor wretches who, for a few pence, keep a ookout, and report as soon as any sign of danger appears on the horizon. If ever the police succeed in capturing one of these the malefactor hardly offers any resistance.

Senator Stanford's Parrot. Correspondence Baltimore American Senator Stanford has a parrot, and a re-markable one, too. It cost him several hundred dollars and is a wonderfully educated bird. It speaks four languages —English, French, German and Italian The strange part of it is that the parro as soon as he hears anyone speak knows in what language to address the person. For a long time no one knew that the parrot spoke Italian, until one day an Italian artist came to the house to do some work and the parrot heard him At once the bird started off to jab ber Italian, and had quite a conversation with the man. It always talks German to a German servant and French to the maid. The parrot, when any one comes down in the morning, says: "Good morning; I hope you rested well." He is very particular, and one day when a stranger went up to him and said: "Preity Polly! Polly want a oracker!" he quite astonished the person by saying, "Oh, stop that foolishness. Can't you talk sense. I am tired of that rot." The parrot has not learned to say chestnuts yet, but very often, when asked if ho wants a cracker, says: "That's old; give me something new." He longs to sing, and knows "Peck-a-boo," and chants it loudly at times to the amusement of all in hearing. The parrot has its favorites among the immates of the Stanford resi dence, and will talk for hours with them.

George E. Saunders, of Schuyler, Neb., the baled hay sing of Nebraska, was in Omaha yesterday.

BILL ALLEN'S OFFSPRING.

Sarrow.

Senator Payne Declared to be a Purc and Upright Statesman-State Officers Nominated-Other News of Politics.

Ohio Democrats Meet. Tolero, August 18.-The platform dopted by the democratic state convention o-day congratulates the country that the party of the people has been restored to power and that the promises of its leaders and the hopes of its followers are being realized. It expresses sincere sorrow at the loss of the country by the death of Durbin Ward and Samuel J. Tilden, the latter who was for many years the leader of the democracy of America and who was fairly elected the nineteenth president of the United States. The resolutions also deeply lament the death of Hendricks, McClellan, Horatio Seymour

of Hendricks, McClellan, Horatio Seymour and General Hancock.

The platform reaffirms the principles laid down by the national convention on the tariff question, and demands a thorough and just revision of the existing tariff laws. The policy of paying out the surplus revenues is heartily approved. The platform demands that both gold and silver, as established by the constitution, shall be maintained as the basis of our money system, and denounce the attempt to change the measure of value from gold and silver to gold alone as an act of monstrous injustice. The action of the democratic house in restoring to the public domain nearly one hundred million acres of domain hearly one fundred million acres of unearned lands granted by republican con-gresses to railways and the alien land owner-ship bill is approved. The resolutions express sympathy for Ireland in her great struggle for home rule. The action of the republican members of the Ohio state senate is ite-nounced, and belief in the integrity of the democratic members of the state senate is declared. The course of Henry B. Payne as United States senator is endorsed, and the action of the republican senate of the United States, with respect to the charges made against the senator, is heartily approved, The resolutions also declare in favor of w well-regulated license system for saloous. The democratic state convention assembled at 10:30, and was called to order by Thos. J. Cogan, of Cincinnati, chairman of the state committee. E. B. Finley, of Bucyrus, was made permanent chairman. Finley, on taking the chair, made a speech congratulating the convention on the return of democratic supremacy to the country, and rehearsing the work done by the present administration. He then made a strong arraignment of the re-publican legislature, especially the seizure of power in the senate. He anathemized the republican majority of He anathemized the republican majority of, the supreme court as having prostituted their high power for partisan purposes.—He closed with a lengthy review of the state matter, and was applauded. At the conclusion of Finley's speech the committee on rules reported and the report was adopted. John McSweeney, of Wooster, then reported the platform given above. The platform was greeted with intense enthusiasm and adopted unanimously with loud cheers.

unanimously with foud cheers. After two ballots John McBride was nomi-pated for secretary of state. The ticket was then completed and the convention adjourned.

Proceedings of Bucktail Democrats. HARRISBURG, Pa., August 18,-The democratic state convention was called to order at 10:30 this morning. Judge M. C. Herman was nominated as temporary chairman. After a brief speech by Herman the convention took a recess until 3 o'clock. Mortimer A. Elliott was made permanent chairman. Chauncy F. Black, of York county, was nominated governor on the first ballot, The platform reaffirms the Chicago national platform, endorses President Cleveland, and laments the death of Tilden, Hendricks, Mc-Clellan, Seymour and Hancock. The following is the tariff resolution in full:

We favor just and fair revision of the revenue laws, in accordance with the letter and spirit of that declaration of democratic principles, and in such revision care should be taken that such changes shall be made in a spirit of fairness to all interests and without depriving American labor of the ability to successfully compete with foreign labor, or without imposing lower rates of duty than will be ample to cover any in creased cost of production which may exist in consequence of a higher rate of wages prevailing in this community. Robert Bruce Ricketts was nominated for

governor, Maxwell Stevenson for congress-man at large, J. Simpson for secretary of in-ternal affairs, and W. J. Brennan for auditor. The convention then adjourned.

Michigan Greenbackers. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., August 18 .- The greenback state convention met at 10:30 this morning and organized by electing W. P. Annes of Grand Rapids as permanent chair-

man. The platform was adopted.
The following nominations were made:
Governor, Hon. G. L. Yople; state treasurer,
William G. Baird; state land commissioner, William D. Fuller; member of the state board of education, J. W. Turner.

Missouri Democrats. Sr. Louis, Mo., August 18,-The demoeratic state convention to nominate one udge of the supreme court and several minor officers met at 1 p. m. Governor John S. Phelps, chairman, made a short address and was followed by Senator Vest in a some-what extended speech. The convention then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

Tht Retaining Wall.

The commissioners yesterday afternoon signed the contract with Edward Brennan for the construction of the retaining walls around the court house. The contract requires that the flagging, curbing and ashler work shall be built of Colorado sandstone, the backing of limestone, and all other work of Berea sandstone except the steps, which will be of gran The contract calls for the completion of the work by November 1.

A Denial. The friends of Manager Kay, of the Athletic park, are indignant at the at tack made upon him during his absence from the city by the Fifteenth street or-

gan, in regard to his management of the ball park. They emphatically deny the charges and promise to do more specifically upon his return. The Native and the Drummer. Chicago Herald: Here is a story by Maybe it's a chestnut, but orakeman. so it's the brakeman's fault. Coming in over the Monon Route a few days ago a Chicago drummer sat musing by the open window and wiping perspiration and coal soot from from his brow, and of

course, occupying two seats. Down in Indiana some place a native came in the smoker, and says: "Shove along, stranger, an' give a feller a show. Been killing hogs and feet all used up." Then the native sat down, settled him

self comfortably, much to the drummer's disgust, and resumed: "Say, stranger, killing hogs is hard ork. Did you ever kill any hogs?" But the drummer did not condescend to answer.

"By gosh," continued the irrepressible Hoosier, "we killed the biggest hog yesterday that was ever killed in Injeany. How much do you s'pose that weighed?" ill no answer. "He was so tarnal big that it took eight of us to lift him to the ham-stick, it did, osh. You ham't no idea how much that hog weighed, have you, stranger?"
"No. I haven't," the drummer finally blurted out; "how much did your d-d hog weigh?"
"I don't know, mister. We didn't

don't know, mister. We didn't Mr. A. D. Morse Heft last night for his ranch near Elisworth, Kansas. He will return in a short time with his wife, who has been summering at that place.

A Jumbo Bouquet Holder. It remained for Pat Swift, who controls

the throutle on swift wheeled "52" of the B. & M., to introduce the biggest bouquet Ohio Democrata Shed Both Tears of Joy and holder yet known in the history of floriculture and at the same time give Omahaa national reputation for another Jumbo THE PLATFORM THEY ADOPTED, enterprise. All the handsome young ladies in Nebraska and part of Iowa know Pat, and during the season of buds and blossoms his engine cab is a conservatory of rare flowers, gifts from fair donors. Pat now uses the coupling-bar on the cow-enteher for a bouquet holder. Most every evening No. 52 comes in like the wind with a bouquet at its prow. It has an unique attraction, and certainly must arouse the attention of people along the road who see the bouquet flying through space at the rate of forty miles an hour. The other evening an inquisi tive newspaper man examined one of these little floral pyramids on the couping bar and was rewarded for his trouble to find the language of the flowers translated and especially adapted to the re-ceiver in these poetic words:

This floral tribute from a friend Dear Patrick please accept, Although it serves no other end Than to show a promise kept. But it within your heart there be

One tiny vacant spot, Just write the donor's name thereon With a kind "forget-me-not." This revelation made the newsgather er's heart go Pity-Pat

How Dawes | Was Downed. WILBER, Neb., August 18.-[Corre spondence of the BEE.]-At the primary held at Western in this county yesterday the issue was distinctly placed before the people-Dawes and Dhen, Van Wyck and Winters. The governor had caused his friends to call this caucus thus early because it was considered to be in his stronghold and the pins had been all set. His opponents made no effort until the 14th, when they concluded to try the issue with him. The resul was that after a thorough canvass of the entire township and village a very large vote was east, of which Mr. Dawes proposed members of the county conventention received less than one-third. Mr. Doane, who carried the Dawes' banner and was asking for support as candidate for the legislature, is very popular and has served on our county board but proved entirely unable to contend with the name of Van Wyck. This primary is a fair index to the temper of the republicans of this county, except that it is more in favor of our senator.

A Soldier in Nevada. Sergeant Matza, of the police force, has received a letter from his brother, John Matza, who is a member of Company K, Ninth infantry, stationed at Ft. Verde, Arizona, in which he draws a dreary picture of that territory. He says: "It is a sandy desert and a long while between drinks." On the march from Los Vegas he soldiers had to carry water in barrels and drink this after it had been subjected to a day's drive with the thermometer ranging from 100-to \$15 degrees in the shade. Everything in the eating line comes high. Potatoes sell for 124 cents per range. per pound, corn 30 cents per dozen cars eggs 75 cents per dozen and butter 50 cents per pound. Mr. Matza has three years on his second enlistment yet to

Peter B. Lee. He came in the office last evening, looked inquiringly around for a familiar tace, found it in the telegraph editor from whom he borrowed a pencil and a sheet of paper and after pocketing a few exchanges, floateds out leaving the following "personal" on the religious editor's table: "The BEE is a lively paper, and in advance of all its rivals it announces the arrival among us of Peter B. Lee, the champion typo-pedestrian, whose fame is national. He has recently visited the Black hills country, but whisky and beer and the other necessaries of lite in that region being too previous to his financial ability, he concluded to return and—"

An Abused Husband. James Farrell has filed a suit in district court asking for a divorce from his wife Margaret Farrell, to whom he was married in Liverpool, England, in 1873. He alleges that his wife, disregarding her duties, has become an habitual drunkard, and has been guilty of abusing him. It has been her custom, he asserts, to gloriously full and then amuse herself by throwing butcher knives, cups and saucers, and light articles of furniture at him. He therefore asks a decree of di-vorce and the custody of his infant child.

Personal Paragraphs. Major Goldschmidt of Cheyenne is at J. Chester Lyman of Minneapolis is at

the Paxton. Ex-Senator Paddock returned from Salt Lake last night.

General J. S. Casement was a guest a the Paxton yesterday morning. S. H. H. Clark was a passenger on the Missouri Pacific southward Tnesday night

C. J. Barbour left yesterday morning for Fremont, whence he will go to the reun Senator Van Wyck and wife left yes terday morning for the east, after spendng the night in Omaha.

Dr. Pierpont, the originator of the battle of Gettysburg panorama, was in Omaha yesterday on his way to Kansas

A. M. Clark yesterday morning donned a new black felt hat fied it with gold cords and bunches and left to reunion with the veterans at Norfolk.

Congressman Dorsey came in from Fremont yesterday morning and returned some in the evening. To morrow he goes to the soldiers' reunion at Norfolk Father Phillips, of Denver, was in the city yesterday on h.s way to Manitoba, where he will obtain twenty-five Indian children for education by the sisters of the Good Sheperd at Denver.

Conductor Kean, of the Union Pacific railroad, returned yesterday moring after a couple weeks visit to Joliet and cago, Ill. He was accompanied wife and family.

Emil Brandels, of J. L. Brandels & Sons, returned yesterday from New York city. He was accompanied from Chicago by his mother wao had been visiting

friends in that city. John Erck, who is rapidly becoming Omaha's great American traveler translated into German, arrived home last evening. He has been at the National Sængerfest and visited points of interest in every prominent state east of the Mississippi. He finds no place so dear to him as Omaha.

as Omaha. Pat O'Hawes returned from Washington last evening with "them drafts," representing \$40,000 solid cash. As the Hon. Wyman was with him it is pre sumable the drafts were placed in the vaults of the Omaha National bank last night. Whether the military will be called out to guard the precious papers until they are turned over to the state authorities is not as yet settled.

Phillip McEntee, who was mentioned in yesterday's BEE as having been ar rested for larceny, denies the report. He was arrested, he says, for vagrancy, though not on proper grounds, for he was working at the time of his arrest. He and his partner, William Carey, are both skilled mechanics and expect to locate in business here.

HE TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF

A Chump and a Pop Gun Make a Bad Combination.

A NEW BALL CLUB PROMISED

Ashman's a Smooth One-To the Home Camp-Travis Talks-Turner Trouble-The Fruit Trade.

James Parker, a young fellow who works in the Empire steam laundry

He Wanted to Die.

made a disgustingly feeble attempt to end

his existence last night by shooting himself. He is a young, smooth-faced lad twenty years of age, who has been employed as a starcher by his brother, the manager of the Empire steam laundry on Dodge street. He has gone soft on a young and giddy inmate of Annie Sperry's house and has been making that place his headquarters. He went there as usual last evening in an intoxicated condition and had a quarrel with his mistress. She broke his boyish heart by upbraiding him for being drunk and he suddenly decided that life had no further charms for him. He left the house and seeking a secluded spot in the high weeds in the alley near the laundry, made the attempt at self murder by emptying the one loaded champer of a consumptive little "Defender" revolver. twenty-two calibre, short, into his car cass. He then rushed back to the pres ence of the woman who had abused him, intending to punish her for her ill treat ment of him by dying in her presence His scheme didn't prove an alarming success. The patrol wagon was called and he was sent to the police station, where Dr. Leisenring was called to attend injuries. An examination showed that the dyspeptic little bullet had lodged in the muscles of his stomach, just under the skin, inflicting a slight flesh wound. The bullet was removed and the would-be suicide placed behind the bars. He was visited by his brother, Thomas Parker, who, as soon as he saw his condition was not dangerous, left the jail and refused to do anything for him, asserting that it would do his good to lock him up for a white. The young fellow tooked upon the matter as a buge joke and promised

BASE BALL NEWS. A Scheme for a Stock Company-A

to repeat the attempt as soon as he is free

Speedy Pitcher. There are lovers of the national game in Omaha who think that this city should support a base ball club that would do credit to the city. They are not necessarily sore over the recent defeats of the Union Pacifies, but they know enough to understand, as the general public does not seem to, that base ball is a business, and to be made successful requires the time and attention of the players as much as any other businesss would. The players in the Union Pacific nine are all engaged in making a living in the employ of Omaha business men to whom their time belongs. They find no opportunity for practice and were they all professional players of high standing they would propably be able to do no more than they do now, if they only played one game a week. To overcome this difficulty a movement has already been put on foot, headed by Jack Morrison, for the organization of a stock company among the lovers of the game with a view of secur-

ing a good club for Omaha next year. to engage some of the members of the Union Pacifics who can give the necessary time to the sport and then strengthen the team by new men from the best clubs of the country, who will be engaged at once, at the close of the present ball season. The movers also have in contemplation the securing of : new ball park on the line of the cable and belt railways that will be more acces sible than the one now used. This plan will take on definite shape in the form of an incorporation of the stock company in a few days. The movement will doubt-less meet the approval and support of Omaha's many lovers of the great Amer-The Union Pacifics will meet the Den-

vers at Athletic park on Sunday. Warned by the defeats of the past two Sunday the boys have been practicing, and will be in good shape for the game.

Bandle's mascot, the handsome coon who used to sleep in the park, was met yesterday and accused of having been bribed to stay out of the park. "I doan' care," he said, "I slep dar a munf an' half and nebber got a cent and da hasn't wun a game sence I quit," He will sieen in the park Saturday night if he has to be tied to a post.

A new pitcher has been secured for th Union Pacifics who promises to fill Salisbury's shoes without an effort. He is Tom Hays, a young fellow who has recently shown marked ability in the box. He pitched some for the Athletics, but as they had no catcher who could master delivery he played with that but a few times. Bandle's attention was attracted to Hays and yesterday he took him out to the park for a practice game. Hays showed unusual aptness in the box. He is powerfully built, quick, throws a remarkably swift ball, and has a compiete mastery of the various curves. He will pitch for the Union Pacifics on Sun-day, and, if he does not get rattled, will give the Denvers a lively game.

ASHMAN A SLICK ONE. He Slips a \$3,000 Check From C. E. Squires and is Paid For Its Return. The BEE has already mentioned the fact of the arrest of the ex-convict, Ashman, and the arrival of Officer Blair from the Michigan state reformatory at Ionia to take him eack to his former place of detention. Ashman is still in jail, Blair being still in waiting for the requisition, which he expects to arrive to-day. Should the requisition not arrive, it is not improbable that the ex-convict may be dis-charged on a writ of habeas corpus. His arrest brings to light an episode in his career in this city which will be interpreted in but one way by anybody who knows of his past career, and that is that the act is a first-class evidence that he is

sharper or trickster of more than ordi nary acuteness. short time ago Charles E. Squires eashier of the Barber Asphaitum Paving company walked to the Commercial tional Bank from his office on Fourteentl near Farnam He carried in his hands for a part of the distance behind him his bank book, almost doubled up, and containing an order for \$8,000 paya ble to and enflorsed by himself as agent for the company, reimbursing him for an outlay which he had made for his association. Attached to this instrument was ciation. Attached to this instrument was a deposit check, personal to Mr. Squire, which was marked with Mr. Squire's stamp. When he reached the bank, he missed both of the pieces of monetary paper. He mentioned the matter to Mr. A. P. Hopkins, the cashier, who expressed no fear of Mr. Squires' loss until told by the latter of the manner in which the paper had been endorsed. Mr. Hopkins then advised him to basten and attend to the matter by notifying other banks of his loss.

Mr. Squires returned to his office and

had written several notes with the intention of sending them to the banks,

a stranger entered his office and asked him if he had lost a check. Mr. Squires saw the fellow was seedy and apparently a tramp. He quietty answered that he had and then asked his visuor if the latter had found one. stranger said that he had not, but that he knew a man who had and further, as the latter picked it up, the speaker had seen Mr. Squire's name upon it. At his request Mr. S., was escorted outside to see the finder of the note. Both walked north to Douglas street, where the stranger look out and east on Douglas street, but without finding his man. At length, however, he espied him on the corner of Farnam and Fourteenth streets. He was accosted at that point by both the stranger and Mr. Squires, and, after a certain monetary resigned the note. The finder of the note was the man who informed the authorities of Ashman's past record, and the fellow who apprised Mr. Squires of the finding of the note was Ashman himself.

They undoubtedly divided Mr. S.'s reward among them. The note and deposit check never could have slipped through the bank book which Mr. Squires carried, because he had tightly doubled it in his hands, Neither could it easily have been drawn through the pages, because only a small margin protruded at either end. And yet that seems to have been probably what was done, but it was effected in so skilfull a manner as not to attract Mr. Sbuires' attention. He felt that he couldn't use the check and sought to make the most of it, under the guise of a friend, by bleeding Mr. Squires, and he succeeded, but to a small amount.

TO THE HOME CAMP.

Straggling Veterans Marching From the Frisco Bivouac. Each train from the west now-a-days has its quota of G. A. R. men homeward bound. Yesterday among the prominent arrivals was Major J. P. Cleary, chief of police of Rochester, N. Y. He is a veteran of the Thirteenth New York, the first regiment that volunteered from western New York, and its survivors now number only twenty-five where in 1861 nearly twelve hundred marched to the front, two companies having been furnished another regiment. After serving the regular three years the survivors re-enisted to form the Fourteenth heavy artillery and remained in the field until peace was proclaimed. Both commands were composed of fighting soldiers and the first named made a record at the first battle of Bull Run that forms an impor-tant part of the rebellion record. Major Cleary was also engaged in the Fenian raids of 1867 and 1868 and went from this country to Ireland during the stormy days of the years named. He is now at the head of the best drilled and most efficient

police force of its size in the world.

The Hon. J. W. Riglander, a brave general from New York, in the late war was also a temporary visitor in Omaha yesterday. He has been connected with the militia of the metropolis for years and was among the first officers to leave New York for the seat of war. He was accompanied by his daughter, and Mr. Max Meyer of this city, an old friend met the travelers at the depot and ac-

companied them across the river. New Jersey had a prominent military representative in the city yester-day in the person of Colonel G. W. Lawrence of Lincoln Post No. 11 of Newark. This gentleman spent the day in visiting different points of interest in the city and was surprised at the busy scenes he witnessed everywhere around. He spoke in high terms of the treatment received by the veterans in California, especially at Los Angeles. There a parbecue was arranged on a grand scale for the entertainment of the veterans. Ten bullocks and thirty sheep were slaughtered to supply the substantials of the feast, and California's best nes made un the del A beautiful public park was made into a perfect sylvan bower, music lent its most attractive airs, while the fairest daughters of Los Angeles waited upon the fortunate guests.

A TALK WITH TRAVIS.

The Other Side of the "Coon" Row on Monday Night. Yesterday evening Abner Travis, who committed the assault upon John Alexander on Monday evening, walked into the police station and gave himself up. His story of the scrape in which Alexander was pounded up is quite different from that which has been published. He states that Alexander was using one of his teams to collect garbage for half of the profits. Travis' boy went along and reported receipts for the first day amounting to \$2, while Alexander only turned in 55 cents. Some words arose and Alexander assaulted Travis' boy, when Travis interfered and knocked him down. He then went away, but was followed by Alexander who was chasing him with a neckyoke. He took the neckyoke away from Alexander and knocked him down Alexander afterwards came to his house to shoot him. Travis says he heard of the feeling that existed against him the next morning and went to South Omaha to let the matter blow over. He came home last night and gave himself up. He says he has been threatened fre quently by Alexander, who has sworn to kill him. Alexander's condition is but slightly changed. His injuries are of a very painful, though not dangerous na-

Day of Rare Sport. Next Saturday will be a red letter day in the line of athletic sports, it being the occasion of a testimonial to Captain O'Malley, which will be given at Athletic park. Free conveyances will leave the postoffice every fifteen minutes after 3:30 o'clock. The contest will consist mainly in sparring bouts and foot races. Ed Rothery has offered a silver cup to be awarded to the champion middle weight, to be held against all comers for two years. Herb Rothery offers a gold medal to the champion light weight. Professor Fallon and Ed Rothery will be among the contestants for the heavy weight championship prize. Rich Melvern and Sam Stevenson will contest for the middle weight championship and Dan Holt and John La Mountain for the light weight championship medal. Professor Fallon also offers a medal as a prize for the winner of the 100 yard foot race. There will be other athletic exercises such as club swinging, racing, etc. The admission will be 50 cents.

Turnverein Trouble. On the 9th of August, at a meeting of the Omaha German association, it was resolved to change the name of the association to the Omaha Turnverein. Now comes John F. Lehman and asks for a writ of injunction restraining the managers of the association from complying with the resolution. The petitioner represents that the original funds and property of the association were secured by subscription out have since been employed in the conduct of a German school. He alleges that it is the aim of the movers of this resolution to devote the funds and property of the association entirely to the maintainance of a gymnasium and athletic training to the clusion of educational instruction, which was the prime object of the as-

Sociation.

Judge Neville has granted a restraining order and set August 23 for a further hearing of the case.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT TRADE. Something About a Growing and Im-

portant Industry. Very few persons, aside from those actually engaged in the business, have any idea of the magnitude of the California fruit trade. The average citizen has noticed the fruit peddler occupying every available street corner, either with a stand or a wagon, and he has seen a few boxes of fruit at the grocery store, and that is about as far as his knowledge of the California fruit trade extends. so far as the fruit trade is concerned, in that while more fruit has been shipped from California than ever before, thoucands of dollars have been lost in the usiness. Through the courtesy of Mr. Branch, a reporter was recently shown a number of letters and papers throwing ight on the subject, especially in regard to the running of special fruit trains.

Last winter the California Last winter the California growers met and organized the Califor-nia Fruit union, for the purpose of keep-

ng track of the eastern markets and to

avoid gluts, and also for the purpose of

obtaining low shipping rates on tast time. After the union was organized they sent out circulars to all points to aid in popularizing the use of California fruits and to create a market for the sale of the same. The first question that came up was in regard to the manner of handling the union fruit. Porter Bros. Co., the extensive Chicago fruit dealers, made a proposition which was accepted. to handle all the fruit of the California Fruit union, from the Missouri river east, at 10 per cent. The agreement also stipulated that if any member of the union desired to consign fruit to any one else, they must pay Porter Bros. Co. 5 per cent. The California fruit business centers in Sacramento and last year that city claimed six hundred out of the one thousand cars shipped from the state. In view of this fact the Sacramento dealers were very much dissatisfied with the agreement made with Porter Bros Co., and Mr. Reed, who was a director of the union resigned and others followed Then the Sacramento dealers organized the California Fruit association, with the object of obtaining rates from the railroads. An agreement was made with the Union Pacific for special trains from Sacramento to Chicago for \$4,500 for a train of fitteen cars. The trains were made up of cars for Denver, Omaha, Council Biuffs, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago and other points. The association shipped one train in June, ten in July, and have already had several in the month of Au-The competition between the gust. Fruit union and Fruit association has resulted in heavy losses to those engaged in shipping, but at the same time it has been an advantage to the fruit growers, who have obtained big prices and have sold all their crop as fast as it was ready, The whole business this season has been a huge game between Earl & Strong, of Sacramento, on one side and Porter Bros. Co. on the other. Some idea of the magnitude of the business may be gained when it is stated that an average car of fruit is worth \$15,000.

One outcome of the contest has been to increase the consumption of California fruits on account of prices being lower than ever before, a great many being able to use fruit who could never afford it in previous years. The shippers have lost money, but the California fruit growers have reaped a rich harvest, and the poor man in the east has been afforded the luxury of abundant and cheap fruit, one man's loss being another's gain.

THE TWELVE-YEAR-OLD GIRL. Her Father Makes An Explanation. Editor BEE: Please permit me to reply to the infamous slander of myself and my place of business with the heading so prominently displayed over the article twice in succession in your columns.

My explanation is to the effect that on the 10th instant I was burned out of house and home with total loss of all my effects. furniture and clothing of myself wife and six children. My family has since that date been scattered and boarded with friendly neighbors in Omaha View, where my residence was.

I am the proprietor of the saloon in the basement of the Merchants National bank building, and have since I took charge of the place endeavored to conduct it in an orderly and respectable manner. I disclaim the word "low" as applied to myself, my place of business or my patrons. The majority of my patrons are respectable business men in the vicinity of my place. A six foot tall and correspondingly stout, robust and able man is my head and only barkeeper. But, Mr. Editor, when I lost the shelter of my family as well as my small savings contained therein, leaving me financially embarrassed, then I sent that same robust six-footer to assist the carpenter I had employed to erect a shanty for our temporary habitation until I could collect my insurance and rebuild my home. During the absence of my barkeeper my oldest girl, thirteen years (not twelve) of age, assisted me, her father, and woe would have come to the men who ever dared to even whimper an improper word to my child. Allow me to state further that I never have nor will tolerate any bums or impropriety, much less obscenity, in my place, that my six-foot barkeeper, as well as myself, is able and ready to bounce anyone trying it on, am convinced that the effusion publishe in the columns of the Bee emanated from some mischievous source

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HEBRON HAPPENINGS.

The Political Cauldron Seething-Improvements Under Way. HEBRON, Neb., August 18 .- The first sounds of the coming political battle are heard, and in but a few short weeks the fray will open up in earnest. The democrats are very strong this year and on a fusion ticket with the anti-monops will elect the best portion of their county officers. O. H. Scott will probably be nominated by the democrats for county attor. ney, and his nomination means election. as he is the most popular attorney in the county, having an established record as an attorney here, beside being considered the best jurist in the county. The republicans have as yet prepared no slate beyond having spoken of Colonet E. Mc-Cowell and W. H. Fletcher as candidates for the state legislature. Although harmony seems to be on the face of the ticket, there is a great deal of petty jeal-ousy among the leaders of machine and

anti-machine republicans. The Rock Island bonds election will be held August 12, and a grand celebra-tion is being arranged, provided the bonds earry. If not they will hold formal exercises instead.

Farmers begin to look cheerful over crop prospects, and since the hog disease has left they are on a fair road to prosperity once more. The district court convenes Septem

ber 20. The many new brick blocks erected during the past few months give Hebron quite a metropolitan appearance, and speaks well for her citizens. Weatherald Bros. are now making

flour with the roller process. They have facilities to manufacture 300 parrels per Work will soon begin to extend the B. & M. railroad from this place to Geneva. The Hebron Register puts in a new

power liress in a short time. George Gurley, clerk of Judge McCulloch's court, was on the sick list yester-